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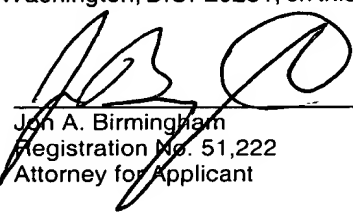
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to an Office Action dated July 30, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 7-12, 18, and 21 with the following amended claims 1, 7-12, 18, and 21:

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1. A blade tensioner for applying tension to a chain, the blade tensioner comprising:
a blade shoe having a first face and an opposing second face, the first face having a chain sliding surface on which the chain is slidable;